

# The NEWSETTE . Echoes from Bryan Hill

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## NEWSETTE Four Years Old

The Fourth Birthday Anniversary of NEWSETTE, this little paper that comes to you each month, is celebrated in March of each year because it was two years ago last March that it first appeared in printed form. However, in mimeographed form, it began telling a small group of our friends the news from Bryan Hill four years ago this summer. In this issue we are led to tell you of the beginning.

Long before we were privileged to issue a news organ for the school, we were possessed with a deep sense of gratitude to God for choosing us and permitting us to have a part in this University undertaking. We were deeply grateful to the many friends used of God to support this work, and we longed to share with them the blessings that have been ours in establishing and maintaining this thoroughly Christian school. We yearned for these supporting Christian friends to taste and enjoy the fruit of their sacrifices. Nearly nine years ago a mimeographed paper called the BRYAN ECHO was issued, but never widely circulated. Some two or three years later a mimeographed paper and then a printed paper by the same name were issued for a short while.

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## REPORTS ON GOSPEL SINGERS

As a result of the trips being made by the two quartets of the Bryan University Gospel Singers, the circulation of the NEWSETTE greatly increases with this issue. Many new friends acquired through this ministry wish to keep in touch with the school through this news organ that comes to you each month. Also, many old friends, in hearing the singers in testimony and song, have had the privilege of enjoying the next best thing to an actual visit to the school.

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## FRIENDS RESPONDING TO FINANCIAL NEEDS

The 1938 Emergency Building Program, in terms of financial strain, lasted through the 1938-39 school and fiscal year. However, loyal friends seem to be turning the tide as the school begins another fiscal year. God grant that the needs, month by month, will be taken care of by those entrusted with the Lord's money.

A friend in Wayne, Pennsylvania, who has given so sacrificially, writes as follows: "Am taken by the caption on the first page of the July NEWSETTE . . . Wanted—Regular Contributors to the Budget. I can give so little at a time that that seemed to me a way I might be of some practical use, as I long to be. . . . I thought I might venture to pledge six dollars each quarter—would that help any?" Of course we assured this friend that it would be a real help. We know that some of our friends can't help even this much, and some can't do more than pray, but the fact remains that if all of our friends gave \$1.00 a month or \$3.00 a quarter, our income would have been greater this past year than it was. No doubt, many plan to give but fail to carry out their plans. God bless particularly those who give regularly, as this friend does, what they are able to give, thus making possible the continuation and growth of the work.

An Idaho friend makes a fine offer: "I have been asking the Lord for some time *what* I could do for Bryan University beside giving the twelve dollar gift annually, and it has been shown me that *perhaps* I could interest some of my correspondents to try the plan of giving \$1.00 per month to your work." We gladly sent the literature requested. The friend wrote one letter about the University with the result that a twenty-five dollar gift was sent promptly. Our Idaho friend and others, led of God, can have similar results. Right now, you can ask God, "What would you have me do to help Bryan University extend its Christian ministry to worthy young people?"

## YOUNG PEOPLE NEED THE RIGHT KIND OF EDUCATION

Doubtless, many Christians find themselves little interested in education, having learned that much of the so-called Christian education is anything but Christian. If there is any word that is misused or overworked, it is the word "Christian" as applied to education. It is no reflection on the many godly teachers that there are in both denominational and tax-supported schools to call attention to the havoc being wrought by the larger number that are doing more harm than good in their teaching. No doubt many are innocent of false teaching, being blind leaders of the blind. We can be thankful that so many stick to facts, not having much of an opportunity to present vain philosophies in their classes. Never-

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## BEGIN TENTH YEAR

(Tuesday, September the twenty-sixth, marks the beginning of the tenth academic year of the Bryan University. God willing, some further improvements will be made in the main building for the comfort and convenience of the students and to accommodate the larger number who are expected to be in attendance.)

For the first time we will begin altogether on our own Campus and without the extra confusion that marked the opening last year. At least in surroundings there will be little to remind one of the opening of the first school session, when the initial chapel service was held in the Court House, with the old High School building still to be occupied for class room use. Remembering the difficult years included in this first decade of the life of the school, we thank God and press forward with renewed courage.



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## NINTH ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE

With the 1939-40 school session opening Tuesday, September 26th, students will just have time to get well settled in their class schedules for the beginning of the Ninth Annual Bible Conference on Sunday, October 8th. Rev. J. B. Thornton, University Trustee and Pastor of the Hope Congregational Church, St. Louis, Mo., is to be the main visiting speaker for the Conference. Friends, and particularly those who know Brother Thornton and the blessings of God on his ministry in St. Louis, will be expecting a real treat with him from God's Holy Word.

First held in the summer, Bible Conferences for several years now have been held in the early part of the school term, for the particular benefit of the students and to establish the spiritual atmosphere and tone of the school year to be spent together. Later editions of the NEWS-ETTE will give the names of other speakers, including new ones and those that have been with us before. We will be in better position this year than last to welcome out-of-town visitors, and it is hoped that more of our friends can be with us for these spiritual feasts.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. White of Gunnison, Colorado, announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy Elizabeth White to Paul E. Wilson of Medina, Ohio.

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Both groups of singers have been so busy jumping from one engagement to the next that they have found no time to give the reports of the trips we would like to include herewith. We find more information about God's blessings on their ministries in reading the letters received from friends who heard them and entertained them, so that we include brief bits from their letters. The roll call of states included on the tours gives us the following:

North Carolina: We were delighted with the fine testimony of all the company. Everyone seemed to appreciate the message they brought us.

Virginia, No. 1: Their message in song and the personal testimony of each of the young men as to the saving power of the Blood was an inspiration to those that heard them. No. 2: It is indeed a glorious thing to find young people who are so led by the Holy Spirit and so trained that they can really deal with others about the soul's salvation.

Maryland: They did nothing to discredit their Christian profession, which I'm sorry to say has not always been my experience with similar groups, nor the University they represented. They were courteous, prompt, thoughtful, considerate, Christian; in fact—dedicated to the Lord and His service.

Pennsylvania, No. 1: They gave us a splendid program and we rejoiced in the fine spiritual note which carried through the testimonies. No. 2: It was a real pleasure to have your Gospel Singers with us at our Old Mill Conference, and I know our people enjoyed their presentation of several numbers.

Washington, D. C.: They ought to talk to every Sunday School and every Young People's Society in the country.

New York City, No. 1: The program . . . brought great blessing to us . . . at the Business Women's Council of the Friendly League for Christian Service. No. 2: The testimonies and the songs were so very helpful and the service was one of much blessing. We were very conscious of His presence in the midst.

New York State, No. 1: All to whom I spoke that night had been greatly blessed through the testimony

of the group for which we praise the Lord. No. 2: Am quite sure the Gospel message was different to many of them.

New Jersey: He knows quartets, has been in contact with hundreds of such groups, and when he says they presented a dignified, spiritual program that was altogether inspirational, I appreciate that they must have been good.

Georgia: Enjoyed having the quartet.

Alabama, No. 1: Our people enjoyed them tremendously and were spiritually helped by their singing and stirring testimonies. No. 2: We have God's promise that "My Word shall not return unto me void", and it was a wonderful testimony to Him and His Word.

Fulton, Mississippi, Clarion: We can truthfully say that we have never heard a service of song and testimony that was more Christ-centering and Christ-honoring than these fine young people gave us. The editor writes: I have heard many say to me, "Bryan University must be a wonderful school."

Illinois, No. 1: We had a fine time with the quartet . . . and we did appreciate having them with us. I am sure God blessed their ministry among our people. No. 2: It was easy to see that 'They had been with Jesus'. No painted fingernails, lips or faces. And just before the service I saw them draw aside to look to God for guidance . . . it certainly did do my heart good.

Kansas, No. 1: It surely was an inspiration to hear them sing and testify for the Lord. They all seemed so consecrated and full of the "Old-Time Gospel." No. 2: The girls sing with such faith and deep conviction that their words sink warmly into one's very soul.

Iowa: It was refreshing indeed to know that the spiritual emphasis prevails in an educational institution. And it was good to meet University students who were wholesome and whose adornment was "that inward adornment of the heart", rather than the "outward" seen on every hand these days.

Minnesota: Everything the group did here only confirmed my ministry and the testimony coming from new voices brought great weight. . . . The definite, clear personal testimony of

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theless, there is little consolation in the relatively small number of positively harmful and vicious teachers, if we but remember that all teachers should be positive and aggressive leaders of their pupils in right thinking and not simply harmless "we-may-well-supposers."

When Mr. Bryan warned of the dangers in Godless education, he was ridiculed and regarded as a pessimist. The optimists demanded concrete proof that modernistic education was such a failure. Today the failure is being more and more admitted on every hand and in educational circles, too. Leaders in the educational world today are admitting publicly and in published statements that the modern educational system is failing in the building of character and aggressive, hopeful citizenship. It is too bad that they know something is wrong, yet do not comprehend what that something is. Religious leaders are beginning to sense it but, as if under the influence of an opiate, they call for more of the same thing that poisoned them.

For a time the whole educational failure was regarded as an exception to the rule. Those that came out of college with their faith shattered, many converted to radical un-American movements, and particularly the college suicides, were regarded as exceptions to the rule, or the weaklings in the struggle for the survival of the fittest. Today it is gradually dawning on us that the educational failure is not chiefly in these outstanding cases but in the great majority of college graduates, who are not positively dangerous, but who are weighed down with a sense of the futility of life and who are without a sense of moral responsibility. Educational and religious leaders are appalled at the lethargy and coldness to social responsibility displayed by the younger generation of citizens today. They see their hopes for a Eutopian economic and social world exploding as soap bubbles along with their dreams of world peace.

**Note:** Save this article to reread next month, when it will be continued.

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God never allowed our purpose to fade from our minds. For a time we thought a great deal about publishing a digest of the best appearing in current religious periodicals. This would have given us a news organ and at the same time accomplished a very worthwhile purpose. Before this plan could be executed, while we were waiting on God for the necessary funds, several "religious" and "Bible" digests put in their appearance, one of which represents the Omaha Bible Institute. We know that there are several thoroughly sound religious periodicals, the work of which we do not wish to duplicate.

Keeping in mind that in this age many people find no time whatsoever for quiet, thoughtful, and lengthy reading, we determined to have our news organ brief and to the point. The thought was to have nothing published that could not be briefly read in spare moments. Neither was anything to be included that was so involved as to require pondering and hard thinking. We did hope to stir a lively interest, and we expected to give some food for thought, realizing that we could not fully satisfy everyone. Some of our friends have plenty of time and can read at greater length. Some are more keenly interested in the deeper things of God. Some can get the Bryan Hill News by scanning the headlines, and subject headings. Some are prospective students and therefore digest the personal items with keen relish. Many subscriber friends are interested wholly in items that tell about "getting the Gospel out."

Anticipating the large problem confronting us, we ventured forth with the first mimeographed NEWSETTE, Dean Ryther suggesting the name as describing most adequately the purpose. Friends, including those calling our attention to mistakes, have been charitable, realizing that staff members are overworked in a young and growing school. Mr. Llewellyn, a professional printer, has done much to make the paper readable and attractive in appearance. Other staff members and many students have done their part in getting out our paper, writing, printing, folding, addressing, and preparing each issue for mailing.

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*each one of them reached many hearts that we have been concerned about. It was a delight to me all day long to watch how the Spirit of God used them in giving forth no uncertain sound as to His saving Grace—truly our Lord has been good.*

These testimonies are shared with our readers because we know they will rejoice in having a part in the ministry of the singers. We appreciate so much the pastors who have opened the doors of churches, tabernacles, gospel halls, missions, and tent campaigns. We have been unable to keep count of the radio programs arranged. Programs with Bible classes, shop meetings, street meetings, young people's meetings and rallies, Gospel fellowship luncheon clubs, and Bible Conferences have kept the singers busy day and night.

Pray that these young people, and the many others doing the same faithful service but not in such a public way, will remain humble even while encouraged to go on to greater conquests in Christ's Name and Will.

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**"The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error."**

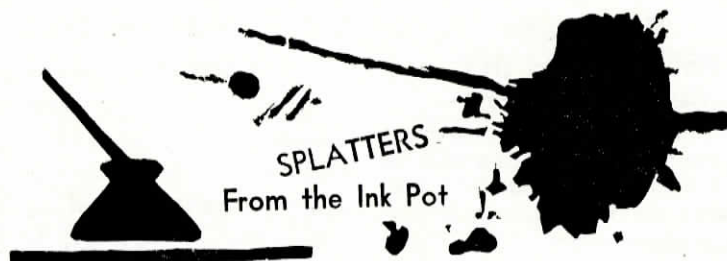
**W. J. Bryan**

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Suggestions for improving the paper in reader-interest and worth are appreciated. Consistent with our purpose to go on with God, to follow the Lord Jesus Christ more closely both in fellowship and in His will for our lives, we desire the NEWSETTE to reflect better the growth of staff members and students in the knowledge of our Lord and His Word.

Having a God-given vision of our responsibilities, we must use the NEWSETTE to make known the future possibilities and the present imperative needs of this work. The heavier our sense of responsibility the more forceful we must be in claiming your interest in the growth of Bryan University. May God give all of us a greater realization of the need for the Godly education of the young people of today.





Paul Bruce (Wiona Lake Bible Conference): "We have really been 'hoppin' around here with a big conference of Free Methodists from 44 states and several countries. Last night we broadcast Dr. Charles Fuller's 'Old-Fashioned Revival Hour'."

Virginia Crisman: "C. & C., Inc., are doing very nicely, thank you... it was last year at Bryan that I found Him as a *Personal Saviour*. I never realized what a rest one could find in Him until I came to Bryan. How completely He answers our every need."

Dean Geary: "Isn't He so good to us in spite of all our weaknesses? It is great to be able to witness for the One Who died for me. Wish you could enjoy the scenery of the Great Smokies... even more beautiful than good old Pennsylvania! That has to be going some!"

Juanita Lathrem: "We are having a revival at our church... wonderful evangelist."

Warren Oliff (Camp Peniel Bible Conference, Luzerne, New York): "I think of you daily and uphold each of you and Bryan before God's Throne. I'm counting the days now until we'll be united as a family in the Lord."

Leona Wilson (Greenwood Hills Bible Conference, Fayetteville, Pa.): "How glorious to know that 'the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men.'... Although there were a few trying things, like algebra, which will confront us wherever we are, this has been one of the best years of my life and I praise God for the fellowship and the new experiences that I passed through."

Alvin Hall: "Last week I sang twice in meetings at Brother Hay's church, and twice yesterday in Fayette's church in Orlando. Dad brought two of the best messages I have heard since I have been home."

Dan Hirschy: "The Sunday before I preached at Beulah Church about 12 miles from here. The people are well taught so it was with much fear and trembling that I stood before

them, but God's promise to Moses in Ex. 4:12 is a great help to me, too. Last night the street meeting was conducted by the young people from Van Gorder's church in Butler. 'Little Bobbie' was along and hasn't changed a bit. He gave his testimony and spoke well."

Howard Kee: "I never knew there were so many nice people in the world. It seems that the more spiritual they are, the happier and the friendlier they are."

Ed Paul (from Baskerville, Va.): "My, but the food is good, country-smoked ham, bacon, and fried chicken and spoon bread, etc."

Louise Post (Greenwood Hills Bible Conference, Fayetteville, Pa.): "Tonight we had the girls' camp banquet. We served 97 people. It makes me so happy to see Christian girls get together for a good time... The meeting tonight was closed by singing 'I know a fount where sins are washed away.' Don't you think that didn't make me homesick for dear old Bryan!"

Ben White: "When we are doing His will He makes everything a lot easier. I don't see how anyone would want to get along without the Saviour. They certainly don't realize what they are missing or they would not turn down His love... I'll bet my saddle horse wishes I'd go back to Bryan... been riding him almost every day."

Ruth Dawson (with her Mother visiting the Whites in Colorado): "How I have enjoyed the hiking, riding, and beautiful scenery. Ben and Harriet have been lovely to me and we have had happy fellowship in Him. We are praying that Bryan will have a great year for the Lord."

Mildred Kuntz: "Today we are having a good time at Janet's home in the Catskill Mountains. They have a beautiful home out here away from everybody. I took some pictures of it which I shall be glad to show you if they are good."

Becky Peck: "My next greeting will likely be a verbal one. We are all counting the days until we get back to Dayton. We still love Bryan and can't get back too soon."

Rhody Ford (from Syracuse, N. Y.): "I have been on a letter-writing spree. I wrote one a mile long to Connie. She likes them that way... The Professor is taking us out for a picnic and a swim on some lake, a boat ride to boot. 'We appreciate everything.' I have said that so much it sounds horrible. Tell Grandpa and Grandma McMurphy a special 'Hello'."

Ruth Toliver: "Great to see Roland McInay today. Just anybody who's ever been in Dayton looks good to me."

Bill Kerr: "It is more than evident that Bryan University fulfills the need that no other school can. I pray that God will raise up supporters for the school and I do pray that Bryan will always be true to its calling... I feel that God is leading me to Grace Seminary."

Ty Pray: "The Lord is blessing us and so far He has been pleased to bless others through us."

Mr. Llewellyn: "We are at my folks' home now and my aunt and cousin from Saginaw, are visiting here, too. In a day or two Sally and I will go to her sister's home."

Mr. Lynip: "My sister's wedding was ideal. She had planned it to be a testimony to our Saviour's grace. It was all of that and we thank Him. I preached in Albany for Lora's brother-in-law. It was the greatest experience I have had of sensing the power of Christ in the pulpit."

Julius Reeves: "I got home all right and my health seems to be some better."

Miss Yancey: "On the trip Thursday the roads were very slippery and we almost had a crash, but the Lord was with us—put on another coat of paint and Squeegie looks like new."

Mr. Fish: "For better or for worse, I handed in my thesis this morning—finished at 2 a.m., to the detriment of my sleep... Quite cool. Hope to exchange it for sunny Tennessee in just a little while."

Harold Fuss: "My prayer is for the well being of Bryan and of you, and that the Holy Spirit will guide you aright in all things."